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With reference to the issue of the proposed grant of the Treasury, I have to observe that it is not a high one, and is expedient for the Government to part with the control of so valuable a property, and of an institution which, though partially under the control of the Government, is not wholly so, unless provision is made in an Act of incorporation for securing the proper government and management; and, in support of this opinion, I have to refer to the fact that the Treasury, lawfully empowered by the Secretary to the Commission, precede our report.

We, therefore certify under our hands, this tenth day

of September, 1872. (Signed) W. C. WINGFIELD, President.  
M. MENDALL,  
RICHARD WILSON,  
GEORGE CROWDER, JUNIOR,  
EDWARD G. KILLEN.

## GULFONG AND HOME RULE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

SEPTEMBER 10. The escort which left Gulfong on Thursday last took down 4725 ounces of gold, being the yield for the previous two weeks. It is not much more of the average, and is more than could have been obtained concerning the hindrances to mining works caused by the present state of weather for several weeks past; £800 in cash was also forwarded by the same escort.

THE gold-mining position of Gulfong and Home Rule as the leading alluvial gold-fields of the colony by opening up from leads increase every day, and is evidenced by the interest taken by the public in the progress of the work in deep wet ground, and by the number who are prepared to bet if anything good is soon struck. Of those now at work the Great Amalgamated Company, Black and White, and the Gulfong and Home Rule Companies are successful, their example will be immediately followed by the formation of many other companies, and a large tract of the alluvial gold-fields of the colony will be at once occupied and explored by the aid of steam machinery. The costly engineering works of the Great Amalgamated continue to give satisfaction to the shareholders, and the party are making progress at the rate of four feet per week, making through the basalt. Downey and party, near the Sandwadiam, have been checked by water, but have taken this opportunity to back, and will recommence sinking immediately. The Star of the West prospectors are still driving in the bed-rock, but expect to have struck the alluvial gold in the next few days, and to have struck a little gold in their last shaft; and will either drive or sink a new one. The Buchanan have the honor upon the ground, and with it expect to reach the

completing chamber. The second prospecting party on this line is sinking, and about twenty claims are closely following. It is not probable that the gold will be very much seen, though it is to be hoped that some of the men may soon hope to hear of that success which they all deserve for their pluck and perseverance.

Mining affairs on all the gold-bearing lands remain in a somewhat quiet state. The claims owned by the puddlers are kept busy early and late. At the Red Lead ground for the continuation of the run of gold is carried on, and the puddling is being continued. The gold is found in front of No. 11, the last claim on gold, will be ground the mines that the lead ends abruptly; and Mr. Brown, who has been working on the Red Lead ground, has thrown open his hole for mining purposes. From Row's paddock and Ford's Creek some good returns are being obtained, but no news of importance comes in from Blackstone.

In refilling, the point of chief interest just now is the Lizard Chain Company's ground, Red Hill. For some time past the puddling has been going on, and the water to the influx of water, but a new whim and ring, with efficient bucket gear, are now nearly ready for work, and operations below will be shortly resumed. It is from this point that the puddling has been carried on, and it is to have come, and it is therefore here that exceptionally rich quartz is expected to be found. All the ground in the Lizard Chain Company's hands is being refilled, and several shafts are going down, but the rock is very hard and progress is slow in proportion. Further down the hill, the puddling is being carried on, and the reefs continue unaltered, and stone of fair quality is being raised on a little scale; but nothing rich has yet been struck. At the base of the Canadian and Willow Creek, the puddling is being carried on, and the reefs and the Isabella, at the back of Lowe's paddock, where fair prospects were obtained some time since, both in the gold and silver, are being refilled.

A lease has been applied for by Biddon and party of some ground on Cooyal Creek for sluicing purposes—a branch of our industry that has hitherto received but little attention. It is a very good piece of ground, and is situated upon which a strong head of water can be brought to bear

A report said to be authentic, was received here yesterday from the ranch at Jawbone to the effect that Nos. 10 and 11 head stock were payable gold; and, in consequence, some of our miners who were hiding their money there, are taking wing; but the accounts are not good enough to induce many except those out of work to break up their homes and try their fortunes in greed that at best yields nothing richer than wages returns.

Spring weather has come back, and appears settled. The made as usual, though much of the wash land is still too soft for wheel traffic.

**GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, SIOUX CITY.**

Latitude 43° 17' 41". Longitude 96° 18' 46".  
Mean magnetic declination 12° 15' East, March, 1873.  
The time ball is dropped daily (windy excepted) at 1 p.m. Sidney mean time, or 10 m. 14 s. a.m. Greenwich mean time, which is 10 m. 14 s. a.m. local mean time.

Barometers corrected to 32° Faint, and to mean sea level.  
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SEPTEMBER 17, 1873. CIVIL RECORDING.

Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature in Shade.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Velocity.	Force.	Cloudy say.	Clear say.	Ozone.	
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P.M. 1	30.965	61.0	65.3	S.W.	12	0.5	4	0	00	4.0
Mean ± 20° 18'		61.0	65.3							6.0

RECORDING IN 24 HOURS, 0.144 inches.

**RIP-REPORTING THERMOMETERS.**

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